



C. Earl Hunter, Commissioner

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***PUBLIC NOTICE***  
***PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE HILTON HEAD ISLAND***  
***BEACHFRONT BASELINE AND 40-YEAR SETBACK LINE***

On July 29, 2008, the DHEC Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management held a public hearing with a 30-day public review and comment period on proposed revisions to the position of the baseline and 40-year setback line, the state's beachfront jurisdictional lines, for Hilton Head Island in Beaufort County. DHEC-OCRM is mandated by the Beachfront Management Act to review all baselines and setback lines in the eight coastal counties every 8 to 10 years. The current baseline and setback line at Hilton Head Island were adopted in December 1999; the 2-year window for the line review on Hilton Head Island falls between December 2007 and December 2009.

Since that initial public hearing and public comment period DHEC-OCRM has further revised the proposed location of the baseline and setback line for portions of Hilton Head Island. At both the southwest and northeast ends of the island, additional data has been provided to DHEC-OCRM that has resulted in a landward shift in the revised lines from what was originally proposed in July 2008. Maps showing the current and proposed revised jurisdictional lines for Hilton Head Island, including the newly revised southwest and northeast ends of the island, will be available for review and comment at the DHEC-OCRM offices located in Myrtle Beach at 927 Shine Ave., in Beaufort at 104 Parker Drive, and in Charleston at 1362 McMillan Ave., Suite 400, for a 30-day period starting December 19, 2008. A second public hearing will not be held, but all interested persons who attended the first public hearing or provided written comments during the first public comment period will be notified.

All interested persons are encouraged to view the revised baseline and setback line positions and provide written comments to the DHEC-OCRM office at 1362 McMillan Ave., Suite 400, Charleston, SC, 29405. All comments must be received by DHEC-OCRM within the 30-day public comment period that will close on January 18, 2009. On January 19, 2009, the revised jurisdictional baseline and setback line will become final and will officially replace all previously determined lines for Hilton Head Island, unless substantiating evidence has been submitted during the public comment period that suggests the proposed revised lines may be in error.

For further information please contact DHEC-OCRM project manager Bill Eiser at 843-953-0237.

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